SUBJECT No. 172.

Reduction of grazing fees.

(1) Messrs. Kasim Sab and P. Nagappa, Taluk Members, Hosdurga.

(2) Mr. Sowcar Tippanna, Taluk Member, Jagalur.

(3) Messrs. Nadig Pandurangappa, Kumsi Sub-Taluk, Yagaiyana Subba Rao, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—1. The grazing fee of Re. 0-1-0 levied on sheep in State Forests may be reduced to six pies per head as the present rate is very high.

(2) The grazing fee of Re. 0-3-0 fixed for each goat may be reduced.

(3) Reduction in the scale of charges fixed for grazing cattle in State Forests is requested.

Reply of Government.—These rates cannot be reduced as ruled last year.

SUBJECT No. 173.

Permission to graze cattle in State Forests.

(1) Messrs. Varadachar and Narasimhaiya of Chikballapur.

(2) Messrs. M. S. Ramachariar and C. B. Gopala Rao of Kolar Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—1. Permission is granted for grazing cattle in the State Forests only for four months in the year. It is requested that sanction may be accorded for grazing cattle throughout the year.

(2) It is requested that reserved forests may be thrown open for grazing cattle in times of scarcity of fodder.

Reply of Government.—No change of rule is necessary.

SUBJECT No. 174.

Reduction of seigniorage on certain articles.

(1) Messrs. Lakshminarasimhachar of Chamrajnagar Taluk and Vishakantappa of Gundlupet.

Summary of discussion.—1. The license fee recovered on one full cart-load of fuel or bamboo taken from State Forests has been the same as that taken for a waddar's cart-load although the latter holds less than half the quantity of the former. Similarly for removing shibu or thorny bamboos which are used only for hedging purposes, a uniform rate of four annas is charged irrrespective of the capacity of the cart. For one head-load of bamboos, however, the charge is only one anna and a head-load will consist of about thirty bamboos. The shavings or twigs of these thirty bamboos will fill a waddar cart, and for this, the Forest authorities levy four annas. It is therefore proposed that a more reasonable and moderate fee than that charged on wadder carts, whose capacity is half of the country-carts, may be levied. It was proposed last year that a certain fee may be fixed for each cart-load of materials required for agricultural implements taken from the State Forests; but no orders have been issued.

Reply of Government.—The Conservator of Forests reports that he has since extended the levy of half rates on waddar carts to State Forests also.

SUBJECT No. 175.

Free grant of wood for agricultural purposes and for fuel.

Messrs. Sowcar Tippanna, Taluk Member, Jagalur; and Hutcheegowda of Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats paying kandayam of Rs. 50 to Government in this Taluk were being allowed to cut and remove from forests, free of cost, fuel and wood for agricultural implements. But after the reservation of forests, this concession has been withdrawn. It is requested that the concession may be revived, or such trees given free.

Reply of Government.—Rule 9 of Notification No. 245, dated 2nd October 1901 permits this.